

Remarks

Claims 1-4, 6, 8 and 12-16 are pending. Claims 5, 7, 13, 14 and 17-24 were withdrawn from consideration and canceled. Claims 1-4, 6, 8-12, 15 and 16 are rejected.

Information Disclosure Statement

Per the Examiner's request, Applicants have attached another copy of the IDS filed 7/30/03, the associated 1449s, and the filing receipt of the 7/30/03 IDS.

Amendments to the Specification

Applicants have amended the specification to include the disclosure contained in the originally filed claims 8 and 24. No new matter was added.

Rejections under 35 USC § 112

Claims 1-4, 6, 8-12, 15 and 16 are rejected under 35 USC § 112. The above amendments to the specification should render the rejections moot. Reconsideration and withdrawal are respectfully requested.

The undersigned authorizes the examiner to charge any fees that may be required or credit of any overpayment to be made to Deposit Account No. **07-1850**.

CONCLUSION

Withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested. **If the Examiner has any suggestions or amendments to the claims to place the claims in condition for allowance, applicant would prefer a telephone call to the undersigned attorney for approval of an Examiner's amendment.**

The undersigned authorizes the examiner to charge any fees that may be required or credit of any overpayment to be made to Deposit Account No. **07-1850**.

If the Examiner has any questions or concerns, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at (415) 393-9885.

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